provision for payment of stipends to trainees and for the conversion of the old-type *chekkus* into the Wardha-type *chekkus*. The total estimated cost of the scheme is Rs. 1,87,500 non-recurring and Rs. 1,69,536 recurring. The proposal is under the active consideration of the Government.''

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—'' Sir, in the original question the word *ghanis* has been mentioned but in the answer of the Hon. Minister the word *chekkus* has been mentioned. I do not understand what these two terms mean? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' *Chekku* is செக்கு in Tamil.''

Shifting of the headquarters of the Agricultural Demonstrator, from Palladam to Tiruppur.

* 476 *Q*.—SRI S. R. ARUMUGHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the reasons for shifting the Agricultural Demonstrator's Office from Palladam to Tiruppur in Coimbatore district; and

(*b*) whether any representation was made to the Government to re-shift the same to Palladam and if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' (*a*) The headquarters of the Agricultural Demonstrator was shifted by the Director of Agriculture from Palladam to Tiruppur as the latter place was more convenient from the administrative point of view.

'' (*b*) The Government have not received any representation.''

Appointment of village guides.

* 477 *Q*.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many village guides were recently appointed by the Government; and

(*b*) their functions and qualifications?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' (*a*) One hundred and five Village Guides were recently appointed.

'' (*b*) The principal role of the Village Guide is to energise the life of the Village Community which has generally become stagnant and unresponsive to any change from the traditional pattern. His job is to get the villagers to think and talk about their problems, needs and desires. He should inspire village people to work to live better and also create in them a desire to learn how to live better, by exciting their interest to the findings and recommendation of science. In short the pivot of the Community Project Scheme is the Village Guide.